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SUBJECT: REVERSE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY: WAHL TOURISTIC

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FOLLOWING REPLIES TO QUESTIONS IN REFTEL ARE BASED ON INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION (ICC) AND INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS). WAHL CAN OBTAIN A PERTINENT RULING APPLICABLE TO ITS CASE FROM EACH AGENCY BY SUBMITTING COMPLETE DETAILS TO COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20224 AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF OPERATIONS, INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20423.

RE QUESTION A - ARE THERE LEGAL OR OTHER OBSTACLES FOR A
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U.S. FIRM REGISTERING AND OPERATING BUSES LEASED FROM GERMAN FIRM? ANSWER - NO, IF BUSES MEET U.S. OPERATING STANDARDS. IF THE ARRANGEMENT INVOLVES MORE THAN LEASING, SUCH AS A PARTNERSHIP OR JOINT VENTURE, THEN FURTHER DETAILS OF OPERATION WOULD BE NEEDED FOR A DEFINITE ANSWER. ALSO, THE LESSOR GERMAN FIRM WHICH IS MARKETING TOURS IN THE U.S. MAY NEED A BROKERS LICENSE FROM ICC DEPENDING UPON

HOW IT CONDUCTS ITS ACTIVITIES IN THE U.S.

RE QUESTION B. WOULD GERMAN FIRM BE LIABLE FOR ANNUAL BALANCE SHEET OR OTHER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS UNDER THE INCOME TAX TREATY WITH GERMANY? ANSWER- A GERMAN FRIM HAVING NO PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE UNITED STATES IS NOT SUBJECT TO U.S. INCOME TAXES ON ITS INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROFITS. (SEE ARTICLE II (C) OF U.S. GERMAN DOUBLE TAXATION PREVENTION TREATY, AS AMENDED TIAS 5920). NOR WOULD THE GERMAN FIRM BE SUBJECT TO U.S. INCOME TAX ON PAYMENTS RECEIVED FOR THE USE OF EQUIPMENT IN THE U.S. TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH PAYMENT DID NOT EXCEED THOSE WHICH WOULD BE AGREED UPON IN AN ARMS LENGTH RELATIONSHIP (SEE ARTICLE VII OF TREATY AS AMENDED, TIAS 5920. TO AVOID WITHHOLDING OF INCOME TAX AT THE SOURCE OF PAYMENT, WHERE THE TREATY PROVIDES FOR EXEMPTION FROM INCOME TAX, THE GERMAN RECIPIENT SHOULD FILE WITH THE LESSEE A LETTER IN DUPLICATE CLAIMING SUCH EXEMPTION. ACCORDINGLY, IF THE GERMAN FIRM HAS NO PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AND HAS ONLY LEASING INCOME FROM THE USE OF ITS INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, IT DOES NOT HAVE TO FILE ANY BALANCE SHEET OR OTHER OPERATING STATEMENTS OF INCOME WITH THE IRS. VANCE

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